

Mayor Mason: Statement on the verdict in the Derek Chauvin case

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City of Racine - The following is statement from Racine Mayor Cory Mason on the verdict in the Derek Chauvin case for the murder of George Floyd:

“Today, Derek Chauvin was brought to justice for brutally killing George Floyd in the streets of Minneapolis one year ago. It is a historic moment, as it is the first time in recent history that an on-duty officer has been held accountable for killing an unarmed black man. This lone verdict does not fix the institutional and systemic racism that exists in this country, but it does show that the justice system is capable of holding officers accountable when they choose to operate so clearly outside of their training. As a City, must continue the work of listening to community members and building a better, more just justice system. We remain committed to implementing the recommendations of the Mayor’s Police Reform Task Force and will continue to build community trust and partnership with our own police department through our community-oriented policing model. While this is not justice for George Floyd – justice would mean that he was alive and with his family today – it is my sincere hope that this verdict brings some measure of peace and closure to his family and friends.”